Coastal Liaison Group

Meeting No. 14

17th April 2019 – 4pm

Room 3A6, County Hall, Swords

Present Apologies

Councillors Brian Dennehy Adrian Henchy Paul Mulville David Healy

Barry Martin

Representatives Henry Donovan Michael Deegan

Michael Moynihan

Fintan Price

Charles Sargent

Pat O’Brien

Raymond Brett

Council Officials AnnMarie Farrelly Brian Rochford

Kevin Halpenny

Hans Visser

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 19th December 2018 which had been circulated prior to the meeting were AGREED.

1. Update on Emergency Works at Burrow Beach and long-term approach to dealing with erosion in Rogerstown Estuary.

KH made a presentation in relation to the Emergency Works at Portrane. He stated that meetings had taken place with RPS and that there had also been discussions with the OPW. Having reviewed the Seabees it was stated that significant maintenance work is required this year. The Seabees will be moved closer nearer to the sea and the spacing increased to 1M to improve efficiency and the array extended north by about 60/70m. A discussion took place in relation to the effectiveness of the Seabees and the general consensus was that they are working. AMF stated that this is the same solution but that some tweaking and maintenance works are required. KH stated that when the maintenance works are being carried out it will be necessary to use the green area and there will be some disruption. MM asked if bollards could be placed at the access point as cars are driving through, ignoring signage and it is extremely dangerous. KH agreed to discuss this matter with Operations. MM asked when the maintenance work would take place and HV stated that he has to check with the Contractor the availability of machines as they all have to be repositioned and levelled. PM enquired if works would be complete by the summer. HV stated that works would be complete by the summer as it would cause a health & safety issue. KH stated that ongoing assessments will take place but the disruption will have a lighter impact than before and the green area will be out of bounds temporarily. He also stated that the delay in the survey was the reason the Coastal Liaison Group Meeting was rescheduled but this has a knock on effect on the timeframe given. It is hoped to have a design solution by the end of June. CS asked that when looking at the solution what is going to happen? Will there be a new line of dunes? KH stated that RPS will have to demonstrate what will take place in the preferred solution.

1. Update on Fingal Coastal Monitoring programme

KH stated that it is an objective of the Development Plan to establish a Coastal Monitoring Programme and a meeting took place with the OPW on 27th February 2019. He stated that the OPW were very energised by this and agreed to take the lead with Fingal County Council and the outer estuary would be the example or template for Coastal Monitoring. The OPW are putting together parameters for how this monitoring will happen. A Data set is to be developed, a working group made up of stakeholders to further develop a pilot project in Fingal. Discussion took place regarding this and it was agreed that the OPW being on board was a great asset.

Verbal update on Brook End Landfill.

KH stated that 6 tenders have been received for Brook End former Landfill and Environment expect to award the contact soon. Discussion took place regarding this and FP stated that the walls were breaking down and suggested that these be repaired or built up in order to stop the waste. PM spoke about another area that he felt should be treated like former landfill also as rubble, concrete etc. was falling out. KH stated that this area falls within the study area and can be addressed.

A further discussion took place in relation to the erosion and it was suggested that materials be brought onto the beach (near Hanigans) to stop the fall of more debris, especially with the summer months approaching. KH stated that the Council are constrained in relation to moving or modifying anything outside the remit of consent given. RB suggested that the NPWS be asked if it would be possible to cover this area to stop materials from being pulled out and monitor same. FP stated that in the long term it all needs to be removed. HD asked with all the new builds that have and are taking place in Donabate, could soil/materials not have been brought in to help this situation. KH stated that the Council would have no permission to bring any of these materials onto the beach.

1. Date of next meeting.

The date was set for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 26th June 2019 in Room 3A6 County Hall Swords.